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Title: AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION CONTROL SYSTEM FOR AN AUTOMOBILE

REPLY

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 28, 2001

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 28, 2000.

REMARKS

In the action, the allowability of claims 8-12 was withdrawn in view of newly raised issues. Also, the finality of the previous office action was withdrawn and prosecution reopened.

The Defective Declaration

Paragraph 2 of the Office Action states that the declaration is defective because it specifies a "sole" inventor even though there are multiple inventors, and the postal address and residence information were missing. Applicants are pleased to